CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER 15, 2019 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Interim Human Resources Director Carl Crown, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. for:

1) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIM pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.95 of the Government Code.** Claimant: Mark Norling, Claim No. 17-130031-108-84224. Agency Claimed against: City of Santa Maria.

2) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** pursuant to Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: one potential case.

INVOCATION
Sergio Gomez of Santa Maria Foursquare Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Moats led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Fire Chief Leonard Champion, Police Commander Marc Schneider, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Community Programs Manager Rosie Rojo, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Grants Specialist II Alicia Vela, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson announced the Closed Session report as follows: 1) direction was given to enter into a settlement agreement with Claimant Mark Norling; and 2) direction was given.

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of October 2019, as Arts & Humanities Month in the City of Santa Maria. Marti Fast accepted the Proclamation.

B. Councilmember Waterfield presented a Proclamation recognizing the day of October 26, 2019, as Fill the Boot for MDA Day in the City of Santa Maria. Firefighter Nick LaMonica accepted the Proclamation.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Walt Brown, Jerry Nelms, Pamela Brown, Paul Kirk, Kathy Gentry, Lloyd Gentry, Victoria Brown, Carlos Escobedo, Gary Hall, Eileen Encinias, Esther Jensen, and Lois Sullivan spoke in support of the mobile

home Model Lease 2020 and encouraged the City Council to continue exploring affordable housing opportunities in Santa Maria.

Lisa Toke, representing several larger mobile home parks in the City, pointed out there was room for improvement on the proposed Model Lease 2020, including the need for more specifics. She presented three executed enforceability agreements to the City Attorney.

Michaela Melena, Bob Melena, William Melena, Larry Hilslop, Bryn Smith, Shirley Garris, James Melena, Theresa Robles, and Stacy Newby spoke against the City's plan to convert certain baseball/softball fields at Simas and Minami Parks to turf for soccer and other sports.

Steven Baird spoke about getting local youth involved in the community and the importance of "healthy" debates where both sides work together and are equally heard.

Sara Macdonald indicated she was in attendance representing the League of Women Voters.

Ernest Armenta spoke about the increase in attendance at City Council meetings.

City Manager Stilwell commented that the video of a workshop regarding the conversion of the baseball fields was available on the City's website.

Director of Recreation & Parks Posada indicated that, in 2015, the City Council had approved an Athletic Facilities Allocation and Uses Policy which was used to determine field uses. With a growing demand for soccer, football, and lacrosse fields, staff determined it would be beneficial to convert the Simas and Minami softball diamonds to turf. Turf fields could be converted back into softball diamonds as needed each season.

The City Council expressed concern over the availability of softball diamonds and the quality of the soil being converted, and asked Mr. Posada if the project could be put on hold.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3I were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2019-114, 2019-115, 2019-116, 2019-117, 2019-118, and Ordinance No. 2019-08. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

Councilmember Soto requested that Item 3D (ABC License for Sunrise Market) be pulled for clarification citing concern for a nearby Charter School and how an ABC License is granted. City Manager Stilwell stated that two criteria for approval of an ABC license are the density and proximity of other establishments that have beer/wine licenses and the crime rate in the area. Neither of these factors posed a problem at this location and the Charter School that was operating in the area is no longer open.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 1, 2019.

Action: Minutes approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt Resolutions appointing a Representative and an Alternate to the Employment Risk Management Authority (ERMA) and Exclusive Risk Management Authority of California (ERMAC) Boards of Directors; and approving amendments to the ERMAC Joint Powers Agreement.

Action: City Manager Stilwell and his designee(s) were appointed as representative and alternate, respectively, to the ERMA and ERMAC Boards of Directors; and amendments were approved to the ERMAC Joint Powers Agreement.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motioned carried. Adopted as Resolution Nos. 2019-114 and 2019-115. 5-0.

D. Adopt a Resolution approving a determination of public convenience for the issuance of a Type 20 (Off-Sale Beer and Wine) alcoholic beverage license for the existing Sunrise Market located at 2880 Santa Maria Way, Suite C1.

Action: A determination of public convenience was made for Sunrise Market.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-116. 5-0.

E. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Adopt a Resolution approving an agreement with CalPortland Construction, Bid No. 2019/06, the Revised Santa Maria Police Department (SMPD) Los Flores Ranch Shooting Facility Project, and a one-time budget appropriation from Measure U funds to cover remaining costs of the project.

Action: An agreement with CalPortland Construction, and a one-time budget appropriation from Measure U funds was approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-117. 5-0.

H. Adopt a Resolution approving the Final Map and Subdivision Improvement Agreement for the Betteravia Plaza Final Map, Tract 6008.

Action: Final Map and Subdivision Improvement Agreement were approved for Betteravia Plaza.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-118. 5-0.

I. Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-08 setting water and sewer rates for 2020-2023.

Action: Second reading was conducted, and water and sewer rates for 2020-2023 were adopted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Ordinance No. 2019-08. 5-0.

4 APPOINTMENTS

A. The City Council considered making one appointment to the Library Board of Trustees for a term ending in July 2022.

Action: Charlie Baker-Boyd was appointed by the City Council to the Library Board of Trustees to fill a term ending July 2022.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. 5-0.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSALS.** The City Council considered the Capital project proposals for FY 2020-21 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, and provide the Block Grants Advisory Committee (BGAC) and the participating applicants direction for projects that should be given priority for the upcoming funding cycle.

Grants Specialist Vela gave a presentation as outlined in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Ernest Armenta commented on the projects being proposed.

Carmen Rivera spoke briefly on a photo contest through Family Service Agency.

Mayor Patino recessed meeting for a short break at 6:57 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

Action: Provide direction to the Block Grants Advisory Committee and CDBG funding applicants regarding Capital project proposals.

Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats. Direction to staff and BGAC was given to prioritize Capital project proposals in the following order: 1) City of Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department Chapel Plaza Rehabilitation Project; 2) Family Services Agency Youth and Family Center Improvement Project; 3) Peoples' Self-Help Housing Learning Center Rehabilitation; 4) Community Action Commission Minor Home Repair Program; 5) Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo Minor Home Repair Program; and 6) GRID Alternatives Central Coast Solar Installation Project. 4-1. Noes: Councilmember Soto.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be November 5, 2019. Items on the agenda would include a Building and Fire Code update; the First Quarter Financial Report; a Code Compliance update; and Technical Amendments to the Municipal Code.

Mr. Stilwell invited everyone to join him October 22 at 7:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, when the State of the City Address would be presented.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Soto reported she attended a 4th grade classroom to teach about local government; a meeting with a Census Bureau representative; presented a proclamation at a SMOOTH Board meeting; attended the Latino Community breakfast; and attended the Central Coast AirFest Gala.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she attended a Minerva luncheon; a LAFCO Board Meeting; a Police Council membership meeting; a meeting with the Salvation Army; and the Central Coast AirFest Gala.

Councilmember Moats reported he attended the Northwest Town Hall meeting; a YMCA dinner; an event at the Boys & Girls Club; the Central Coast AirFest Gala; a meeting with Hancock College; and the Mayors Ball event.

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended the Mayors Ball event and a community neighborhood watch meeting.

Mayor Patino reported she attended Mayors Task Force Teen Academy meetings; the Mayors Ball; the Police Council membership meeting; a couple of Rotary meetings; the Northwest Town Hall meeting; and the Central Coast AirFest Gala.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on November 5, 2019.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

11/7/2019

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria